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In the claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-15. (canceled)

16. (new) Dry microparticles having a size range of between 0.5 and ten microns

comprising a drug to be delivered by inhalation, wherein the microparticles are formed of a

material releasing drug at a pH of greater than 6.0, wherein the material is selected from the

group consisting of proteins, mixed amino acids, polysaccharides, lipids and surface active

agents.

17. (new) The dry microparticle of claim 16 wherein the material is a surface active

agent or surfactant.

18. (new) The dry microparticle of claim 16 wherein the material is a lipid.

19. (new) The dry microparticle of claim 16 wherein the proteins are hydrophilic

proteins.

20. (new) The dry microparticle of claim 16 wherein the proteins are hydrophobic

proteins.

21. (new) The dry microparticle of claim 16 wherein the polysaccharides are selected

from the group consisting of aliginate and chitosan.

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22. (new) A cartridge for insertion into an inhaler comprising dry microparticles having a size range of between 0.5 and ten microns comprising a drug to be delivered by inhalation, wherein the microparticles are formed of a material releasing drug at a pH of greater than 6.0, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of proteins, mixed amino acids, polysaccharides, lipids and surface active agents.

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